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People with physical or mental disabilities which are a handicap to employment may be eligible for Montana's Rehabilitative Services program.

# REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

Do you have a physical or mental disability that makes it difficult for you to find or hold a job? Rehabilitative Services offers a full range of programs which may enhance or maintain your ability to work. Possible services include:

**Evaluation** through medical and/or psychological tests to gauge the extent of your disability and find out the kinds of work for which you are well-suited

**Counseling and guidance** to help you choose the work you wish to do and cope with personal problems

**Training** in a college, vocational/technical school, tutorial or correspondence program or on-the-job for the work you plan to do

**Financial assistance**, if needed, to help pay living and transportation costs during training.

**Tools, equipment and licenses**, if needed, to help set you up in business

**Artificial aids**—limbs, braces, hearing aids, interpreter service—whatever you need to find a job or help you keep the one you have

**Medical services**—physical restoration, medical, surgical or psychiatric care, occupational, physical, speech or work therapy—to correct or reduce your disability

**Placement** in a suitable job and follow-up services to make sure you are safely and satisfactorily employed



## HOW TO APPLY FOR SERVICES

To apply for these services, you may write or call the office whose address and phone number are on the back of this brochure. A rehabilitation counselor will schedule a time to talk privately with you about your circumstances.

If you can't get to your local Rehabilitative Services office, let the counselor know. The interview can be arranged at a more convenient place—your home, a Job Service office, or the local human services office.



## ELIGIBILITY BASICS

To find out if you are eligible for these services, the counselor will need to know certain information:

- your social security number
- the nature of your disability and when it began
- how your disability limits your work skills and opportunities
- any medical or psychological treatment you have received (including the names and addresses of your doctors and the dates of your treatments)
- any type of medication you're now taking
- the type of any prosthetic device or aid you're now using
- the names, ages and relationship to you of the people you live with
- your military service
- your work history
- the schools or training you've attended
- how you are meeting your living costs



## **YOUR NOTICE OF ELIGIBILITY**

Your counselor will let you know whether or not you are eligible for rehabilitative services. If your application is not approved or if you disagree with any action taken on your case, you may ask your counselor for a hearing.

This is an equal opportunity program. If you believe you've been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age, sex, handicap, political beliefs or religion, call or write the Human Rights Commission, Capitol Station, Helena, Montana 59620.

## **YOUR RIGHT TO PRIVACY**

Any information provided by you or obtained through verification is not open to the public. *ALL* records and information about your situation are kept in confidence.



## **RECEIVING SERVICES**

If you are eligible, you and a counselor will jointly develop your program of services. The services you may qualify for depend on how your disability impairs you and how you follow the service plan.

## **SHARING RESPONSIBILITY**

If you are eligible for rehabilitative services, you will be expected to:

- contribute toward the cost of your rehabilitative program to the fullest extent you can
- report any changes in your health and finances at the regular meetings with your counselor
- identify any other forms of support you receive or for which you may be eligible



- take part in the annual review of your rehabilitative program
- cooperate in carrying out your program and make reasonable efforts on your own behalf such as keeping appointments and attending scheduled activities
- earn acceptable grades or ratings at training and other such activities
- comply with medical or other professional instructions





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